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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In Re:

FIRESTAR DIAMOND, INC., et al.,

Debtors.

Adv. Proc. No. 19-01102-shl

Case No. 18-10509 (SHL)

(Jointly Administered)

Chapter 11

RICHARD LEVIN, Chapter 11 Trustee of FIRESTAR DIAMOND, INC., FANTASY, INC., and OLD AJ, INC. f/k/a A. JAFFE, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

NIRAV DEEPAK MODI, MIHIR BHANSALI, and AJAY GANDHI,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF NICOLE A. SULLIVAN IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT MIHIR BHANSALI'S MOTION FOR RULE 11 SANCTIONS OR TO STRIKE CERTAIN PLEADINGS

States Court of the Southern District of New York, states, under penalty of perjury, as follows:

NICOLE A. SULLIVAN, an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the United

- 1. I am a partner with the law firm of White and Williams LLP, counsel to Defendant Mihir Bhansali ("Defendant" or "Bhansali") in the above-captioned proceeding. I submit this declaration in support of Defendant Mihir Bhansali's Motion for Rule 11 Sanctions or to Strike Certain Pleadings (the "Motion"). I am familiar with the facts set forth herein based upon my own personal knowledge and upon my review of the records and materials produced in and relevant to this action.
- 2. A true and correct copy of the Trustee's original Complaint, filed on or about March 27, 2019, is annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**.
 - 3. A true and correct copy of the Case Docket is annexed hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- 4. A true and correct copy of the Trustee's First Amended Complaint, dated September 20, 2019, is annexed hereto as **Exhibit C**.
- 5. A true and correct copy of Mr. Bhansali's Rule 11 Letter, dated November 13, 2019, is annexed hereto as **Exhibit D**.
- 6. A true and correct copy of the Trustee's Response to Mr. Bhansali's Rule 11 Letter, dated December 2, 2019, is annexed hereto as **Exhibit E**.
- 7. A true and correct copy of the email correspondence to counsel for the Trustee dated February 2020 inquiring whether the Trustee had reconsidered his position is annexed hereto as **Exhibit F**.
- 8. A true and correct copy of original Complaint Under Section 5(5) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 for Confirmation of PAO No. 17/2018 Dated 05.10.2018 is annexed hereto as **Exhibit G**.
- 9. A true and correct copy of the Directorate of Enforcement's Reply Submission on Appeal is annexed hereto as **Exhibit H**.

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10. A true and correct copy of the bank statement for M.R. Family Trust for the period

of May 31, 2007 through March 31, 2018 is annexed hereto as **Exhibit I**.

11. A true and correct copy of Mr. Bhansali's HSBC bank statement for the period of

September 30, 2017 to October 31, 2017 is annexed hereto as **Exhibit J**.

12. A true and correct copy of the summary of the witness statements in the Indian

Court Criminal Case against Nirav Modi is annexed hereto as Exhibit K.

Dated: New York, New York

March 31, 2020

<u>/s/ Nicole A. Sullivan</u> Nicole A. Sullivan